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Docket No.: 27373/38132
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Radoje Drmanac

Application No.: 10/068,301

Group Art Unit: 1637

Filed: February 5, 2002

Examiner: Jeffrey Siew

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
EFFICIENT NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCING

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action setting forth a restriction requirement restricting the claims of the application. The Office Action was dated April 9, 2003, and set a shortened statutory period of one month for the response. The response is due May 9, 2003 without additional fees.

I. Response to Restriction Requirement.

The Office Action was dated April 9, 2003 and set forth a two-way restriction requirement as follows:

Group I: Claims 47-101, drawn to a method of sequencing;

Group II: Claims 102-121, drawn to a kit.

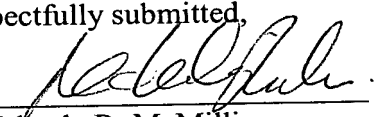
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects claims 42-101, i.e., Group I. Although this election is made without traverse, Applicant reserves the right to pursue unelected claims and other subject matter in related applications.

It is submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests an early notification thereof. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this response in further detail, Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned representative.

Dated: May 9, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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